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AMENDMENT (Preliminary)

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
 Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Kindly amend the claims of the above-identified PCT application, herewith being simultaneously entered into the National Phase under 35 U.S.C. 371, as follows:

Cancel claims 3 - 9 and 13 and rewrite them respectively

as follows:

-- 15. A parallel rule as claimed in claim 1, the linkage comprises an intermediate member connected to each component rule by a respective set of three links, two links in each set being pivotally connected to both the intermediate member and the component rule by pivots situated on corners of a variable parallelogram, the other link in each set being pivotally connected to the component rule and both pivotally and slidably connected to the intermediate member for sliding movement together, parallel to the straight edges.

16. A parallel rule as claimed in claim 1, wherein the linkage comprises two links each pivotally connected to a respective component rule, each pivotally and slidably connected to the other

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